





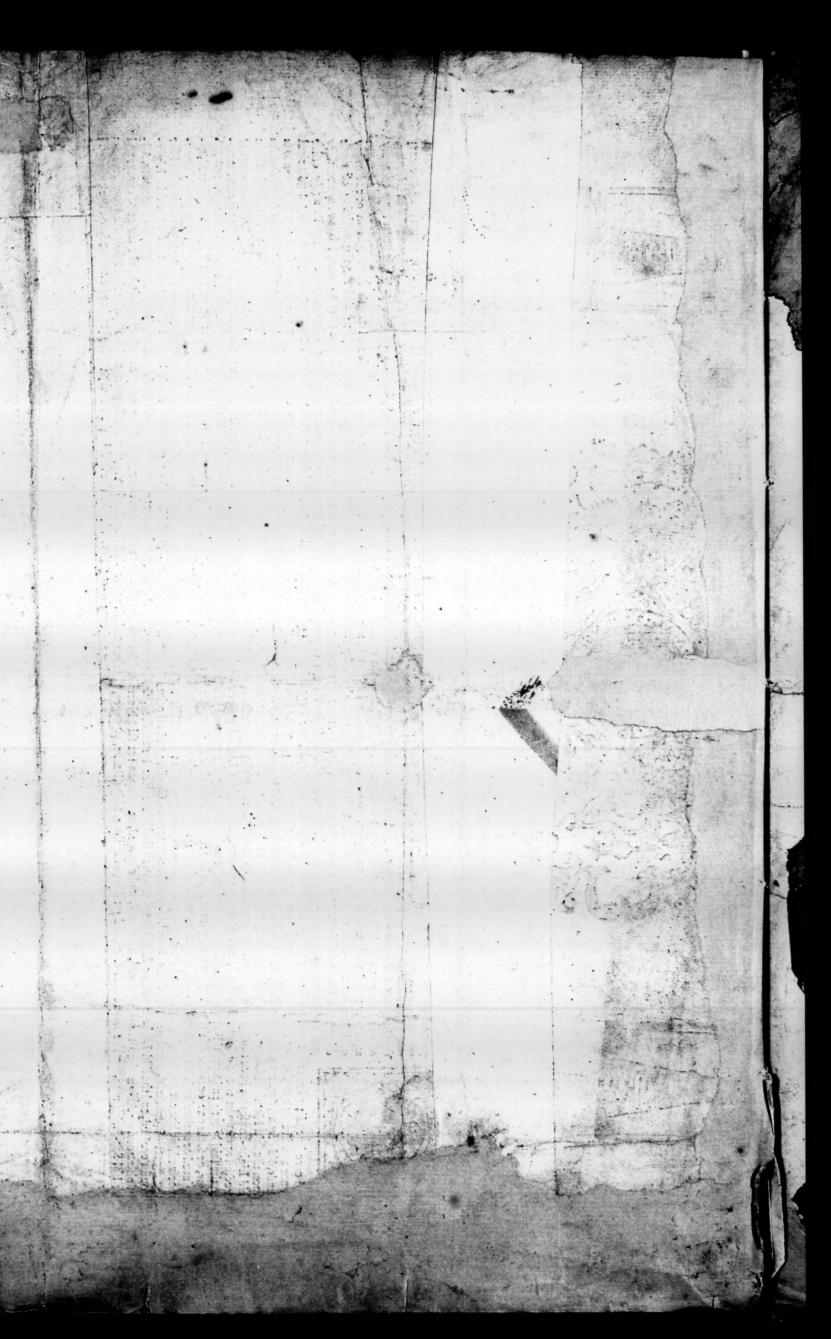


AROLUS Secundus, Digratia, Anglix, Scotix, Francix, & Hibernia Rex, Fidei Defensor, &c. Omnibus ad quos prasentes ha nostra pervenerint, Salutem. Inspeximus irrotulament. quarundem literarum Patent. prioris nostri Caroli, nuper Regis Anglix, beata nemoria, gerent.dat. tertio die Februarii, anno Regni sui duodecimo, Dilecto nobis Johanni Meldrum militi, satt. et concess. ac in Curia nostra Cencellar. irrotulat.ac ibidem de Recordoremanent. in hac verba. CHARLES by the grace of God, &c. To all to whom these presents in all come, Greeting. Whereas we have been lately informed by all Certificates of divers of our chief Officers of our Navy Royal, and of antient Sea Captains, that frequent and lamentable Shipwracks have from time to time by and do continue at Goodmin-Sands, lying to the East of Sandwich, to the great losse of many of our Subjects and Strangers, their lives and goods, which have oeen occasioned by want of Light-houses and Lights, that might have been provided, set up, and maintained with continual fire lights, to be kept burning in them in the whole night time, at the point of the North and South Forelands in our County of Kent, for direction of all Sailors and Shipping passing to and fro, by those Sands, as well of our own Subjects as of Strangers; and for the avoiding of those dangerous Sands in dark and tempessuous nights, and that for the escaping and preventing of the dangers of those Sands from the time to come, it is very necessary and convenient that Light-houses should be erected with lights therein continually burning and maintained in the night time: We therefore of our Princely office

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Authorise and appoint our trusty and well beloved Servant Sir John Meldrum Kt. to erect Light-houses upon the said North and South Forelands, who (according to the said power and authority to himby Us given) hath caused to be erected two Light-houses at or upon the said South Foreland, which said Light-houses we have thought fit and necessary to be continued. And by these presents wed for Us, our Heirs, and South Forelands or either of them, or in any other place at or upon the said South Forelands or either of them, or in any other place at or upon the said South Forelands or either of them, or in any other place at or upon the said South Forelands or either of them, or in any other place at or upon the said South Forelands or either of them, or in any other place at or upon the said South Forelands or either of them, or in any other place at or upon the said South Forelands or either of them, or in any other place at or upon the said South Forelands or either of them. erected at or upon the said South Foreland, and some one or more convenient Light-house or Light-houses, at the said North and South Foreland, or either of them, or in any other place, at or upon the said North and South Forelands, shall be erected and continued, as by the person hereafter by us nominated, appointed, or authorized in that behalf, his Executors, Administrators, and Asfigns, or some one or more of them shall be thought meet and necessary from time to time, during the term hereby granted, at the cost and charges of the said person hereafter by Us nominated, ap-skilful Sea-faring men, for the fafer conduction and guiding of Sailors, Ships, Barks, Crayers, catches, and all other Vestels whatsoever, that shall pass to and fro by the said Sands. And forasmuch as the erection of the said Light-houses already erected, and the erecting, repairing, renewing, charging and continual maintaining of the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual maintaining of the lights in the same, as aforesaid, will from time to time require a great and continual charge for the supportation and maintenance of the same: We will, ordain, and appoint for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, that there shall be collected and taken of and for every Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or other Vessel whatsoever, of our Subjects, or of Strangers, that shall said the same is the same by the said said to be erected, and the continual charge for the supportation and maintenance of the same: We will, ordain, and appoint for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, that there shall be collected and taken of and for every Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or other Vessel whatsoever, of our Subjects, or of Strangers, that shall said the said said the said said to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and to be erected, and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and the continual charge for the said Light-houses, erected and taken of the said Light-houses, erected and the continual passfrom Port to Port, or cross the Seas by the said Sands, one penny upon the Tun for every Voyage outward bound, and one penny upon the Tun for every Voyage inward bound, being loader with Goods and Merchandizes, according to the burden of the said hip, Hoy, Bark Craver, Gatch, or other Wessel; that is to say, one half penny upon the Tun, from the Masters and Owners of such Ships, Hoyes, Barks, Crayers, Catches, and other Vessels, and other Ves and that do not usually trade or come into any our Ports, Harbours, Roads, or Creeks, but in cases of necessity by storm and tempest, or otherwise, for succour or relief of their wants, for every fuch Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or Vessel loaden with Goods or Merchandizes, although the same Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or Vessel shall not be unladen in any of our said Ports, Harbours, Roads, or Creeks, two pence upon the Tun for every Voyage outward bound, and two pence upon the Tun for every Voyage inward bound, according to the Burthen of the said Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch or other Vessel; which said several and respective duties and payments, as aforesaid, We will and ordain, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, shall be inverted and paid to the hands of such person hereafter in these presents, mentioned, appointed, or authorized his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, or to his or their Deputy or Deputies, in any of our Custom-houses, Castles, Forts, Ports, Harbors, Roads, or Creeks in our Realm of England, or Dominion of Wales: And if the Masters and Owners of the said Ships, Hoyes, Barks, Crayers, Catches, or other Vessels, shall and will pay the said whole several duties, as aforesaid; then the said Masters and Owners of the said Ships, Hoyes, Barks, Crayers, Catches, or other Vessels, shall and will pay the said whole several duties, as aforesaid; then the said Masters and Owners of the said Ships, Hoyes, Barks, Crayers, Catches, or other Vessels, and say lawfully demand, receive and take back the Moity or one half thereof according to the true meaning of this Grant, of and from the Merchants and Owners of Catches, or other Vessels, in the said Ships, Hoyes, Barks, Crayers, Catches, or other Vessels, and say lawfully demand, receive and take back the Moity or one half thereof according to the true meaning of this Grant, of and from the Merchants and Owners of Catches, or other Vessels, and the same says lawfully demand, receive and take back the Moity or one half thereof according to the true meaning of this Grant, of and from the Merchants and Owners of Catches, or other Vessels, and the same says lawfully demand, received and other same says lawfully demand. 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And forasmuch as such Strangers not trading in any of our Ports, and yet have use of the said Lights, do, for the greatest part, never come in any of our Ports, Harbours, Creeks, or Roads, but by casual necessity, for relief of their wants, or being forced by storms or tempest, and oftentimes do not return into the same, or any other of our Ports, Harbours, Roads, or Creeks: We therefore do will and ordain, that of all such Strangers there shall be collected and taken of the Masters and Owners of such Ships, Hoys, Barks, Crayers, Catches, or other Vessels, who our will and pleasure is, shall pay the whole duty allowed for both Voyages outward bound, and inward bound, at one and at the same time, either in such Port, Road, Harbour, or Creek, where the said Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or other Vessel of such Stranger shall be found upon her Voyage outward bound, or in such Port, Road, Harbour, or Creek, where such Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or other Vessel of such Stranger shall be found upon her Voyage inward bound; and shall and may lawfully take the one half thereof of the Merchants and Owners of the Goods in the said Ships or other Vessels; And that the same several duties being once paid according to the true intent and meaning. of these presents, and a Receipt thereof being telified by those who shall be appointed to receive the same, the said Masters and Owners of Ships, Hoys, Barks, Crayers, Catches, and other Vessels, as well our Subjects as Strangers, shall be then freed and discharged of and from the payment of the said several duties in every or any Port or Ports, Creek, Harbor, Road, Fort, or Castle, into which the said Ships, Hoys, Barks, Crayers, Catches, or Vessels, shall or may happen to come in, during such her Voyage, as aforesaid. Into the true, faithful, and acceptable service by the said Sir John Meldrum, to our late dear and royal Father, and to Us heretofore done, and of the charge already sustained by the said Sir John Meldrum, in and about the erecting of the said Light-houses at the said South Foreland; As also for other good causes and considerations Us thereunto moving, ideration of the Premiles, as in regard of the true, faithful, and acceptable fervice by thefaid Sir John Meldrum, in an about the creeking of the faid Light-houfes at the faid South Forecland, as also for other good causes and confiderations list thereaunt moving of the faid South Forecland, as also for other good causes and confiderations list thereaunt moving of the faid South Forecland, as also for other good causes and confiderations list thereaunt moving and not minute the faid Light-houses and Lights - And to alter, remove, renew, and change the fail Light-house exceeded or to be erected, or any of them, as occasion shall require; and the feveral and respective duties and payments herein before mentioned, according to the instance, and altigues the feveral and respective duties and payments herein before mentioned, according to the instance, and altigues, and the proper costs and charges, shall and may lawfully maintain, cogniture, there shall dispert before the shall dispert before the shall make the fail of the proper costs and charges, shall and may lawfully maintain, cogniture, there shall design the change the fail Light-house already by him erected, and fet up, and to make, builderest, the upstream, remove, and change the fail Light-house already by him erected, and fet up, and to make, builderest, the control of the shall be s

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To have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said liberties, licences, powers, and authorities, and the said several and respective duties and payments, before by these presents given, and granted, and licensed, to be received or taken, and every of them, unto the said Sir John Meldrum, his Executors, Administrators, and Affigns, for and during the Term, and to the sull Rent or fumme hereafter in and by these Presents reserved; Yielding and paying therefore yearly, and every year, to Us, our Heirs, or Successors, the yearly Rent or summe of Twenty pounds of lawful money of England, for, and during the said Term of Fifty years, into the Receipt of our Exchequer at Westminster, at the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, and the Annuntiation or our olessed Lady St. Mary the Virgin, by even and equal portions, or within thirty dayes next after either of the said Feasts. 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to go out of any our Ports, except the Masters or Owners of the same Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or other Vessel, shall have first paid the several duties hereby due and payable; and they shall respectively produce and shew forth a Receipt and Acquitrance, of and for the payment of the said duty, under the hand and seal of such Officers and shall be deputed and appointed by the said Sir John Meldrum, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignment of the payment and Receipt thereof, to be there duly had and made by the said Masters and Owners of from whence the faid Ship, Bark, Hoy, Crayer, Catch, or other Vessel shall come testifying the payment and Receipt thereof, to be there duly had and made by the said Masters and Owners of from whence the faid Ship, Bark, Hoy, Crayer, Catch, or other Veffel shall come teltifying the payment and Receipt thereof, to be there duly had and made by the said Masters and Owners of the said Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or other Vessel, to the said Sir John Moldium, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, his or their Deputy or Deputies: And we do likewise will, ordain and appoint, and also straightly charge, and command, and authorize all and every the said Customers, and Farmor or Farmors of our Customs, and all other Ossicers, as aforesaid, to whom the same shall appertain, that they, nor any of them, during the term aforesaid, shall not make any entry, or give any discharge whatsoever to any Merchant or Owner of Goods or Merchandizes of the Subjects of this our Kingdom of England whatsoever, being laden in any such Ship, Hoy, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or other Vessel, which shall pass by the said Sands, except the said Merchant or Owner of the said Goods and Merchandizes, or some other person or persons, on his or their behalf, shall have first paid the said Sir John Meldrum, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, the said Officers duly attending the same in every, or any straight shall come, teltifying the Receipt thereof to be there duly had and may panishment as may be inflicted upon the Office. 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And these Presents, and the Involment thereof, shall be unto them, and every of them, a sufficient Warrant and Discharge, for doing, performing and executing the fame. And lastly, our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, grant unto the faid Sir John Meldrum, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, that these our Letters Patents, or the Inrolment of them, shall be good, sirm, effectual, and of validity in Law, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and shall be taken, construed and adjudged, in all our Courts and elsewhere, most favourably and beneficially for the said Sir John Meldrum, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and every of them; not-withstanding the not full expressing the certain yearly value or worth of the Premises, and notwithstanding the not suing out an Inquisition, or Writ of Ad qued dempnum, out of the Court of Chancery, or any Statute, Law, Act of Parliament, Refervation, or Provision, heretofore had, made, or published, or any other imperfection, uncertainty, defect, matter, or thing to the contrary hereof in any wife notwithstanding; Although express mention of the true yearly value, or the certainty of the Premises or any of them is not made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation, or Restraint, to the contrary hereof, heretofore had, made, ordained, or provided, or anyother thing, cause, or matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding: In unitness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at Westminster the thirteenth day of February, in the Twelfth year of Our Reign. Nos autem tenorem pranissorum ad requisitionem Roberti Osbolston Gen. & Willielmi Osbolston Generosi per prasentes duximus exemplificand. In cujus rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste M. infe, apud Westm. decimo nono die Junii, Anno Regni quarto-desimo.

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